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THE first English woman to announce her candidacy for nomination for a seat in Parliament is Miss Nina Boyle, a prominent member of the Freedom League. There is no statutory disability for women candidates, although it is possible that they may be regarded as inadmissible in Common Law. English suffrage papers seem doubtful whether or not the returning officers will be willing to accept nominations of women.

Resolution to Senate Continue

HARDLY a day passes without some Senator arising to read suffrage resolutions from his constituents or from organizations urging the Senate to delay no longer in passing the Susan B. Anthony amendment. The emphasis of these resolutions is laid always upon the fact that we are fighting for democracy abroad while we have not yet established it in this country.

There is one senator who never misses an opportunity when introducing one of these resolutions to make a short speech in support of the resolution. This Senator is Shafroth, of Colorado.

After reading the resolution passed at the executive council meeting of the National American Woman Suffrage Association the Senator said:

"Mr. President, the resolution further shows that this is a world question. It is not one confined to a State or to the United States. It shows that it is agitating the people of all nations; that it is an evolution in government; that it is proceeding with certainty in its determination in favor of the rights of humanity. Let us end this inconsistency and enthuse all of our people by adopting the joint resolution for a constitutional amendment granting equal suffrage to all of the governed of our states and nation."

The Indianapolis conference of the National Association made plans for the ratification of the amendment, believing that it will undoubtedly be passed at this session of Congress.

Strike for Vote in Austria

A SWISS paper, *Frauenbestrebungen,* reports in its March issue on the recent peace strikes in Austria that the strikers made the granting of municipal suffrage to women a condition of return to work.

The Austrian section of the Women's International Committee for Permanent Peace recently gained hundreds of new members by its meetings in support of the Bolshevik peace conditions. It has now constituted itself a Peace Party. Badges are sold and extensively worn, inscribed "For Peace by Conciliation." That is the report from Austria in the *International Woman Suffrage News* for April first. The dispatch goes on to say that the Social Democrats have followed up the assurances given to the strikers by demanding the parliamentary vote as well as the communal one.

A motion introduced by the Socialist Deputy Hillebrand says in part:

"Great political changes must follow the war. The right of peoples to decide their own fate, the right to democracy, cannot possibly be longer denied. Secret diplomacy with its intrigues and deceptions must go. The people will decide their relations to each other in open negotiations; in future, treaties will be concluded between one nation and another. This will increase the importance of Parliaments far beyond what it now is, and with it will increase the interest of all sections of the nation, including that of women, in sharing in representation and influencing decisions."

Picketing Landlords

NEW ways in which picketing may be used to make an effective protest are being put into effect every day. There was recently a controversy between landlords and tenants over the raising of rents in the Brownsville section of New York. Numbers of families moved away and placed pickets in front of the buildings where the rents were raised.

Swedish Suffrage Bill Defeated

AFTER a long debate the first Chamber of Parliament in Sweden has rejected a woman suffrage bill. The vote was 62 to 36. Why does Sweden lag behind her Scandinavian neighbors who have been among the first to give political recognition to women?

Suffrage Notes from Abroad

THE attention of the suffrage societies in Europe seems at present to be centered upon the question of equal pay for men and women to almost as great an extent as upon suffrage. In England investigations in the trades and industries where both women and men are employed have been made to ascertain in which ones the wages are the same and in which unequal. A meeting was held at Stockholm where speakers from five nations, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden gave a general view of the valuation of women's work by different countries.

In France there is a new movement led by Mlle. Jeanne Melin which is demanding immediately the parliamentary as well as the municipal vote. The more conservative organizations are still making their plea for the municipal vote—of much more importance in France than in other countries. This has been promised them before the next election, but so far the bill has not been passed.

The place of French women in industry has grown and increased in importance to a great extent since the war and apparently the change will last after the war. A technical college for women was established in Lyons last October. Its courses include machine design, mathematics, machine shop work, and electricity.

Word comes from India that a deputation of women to the British Secretary at Madras asked that Indian women be given the same opportunity of representation as men and that girls be allowed educational facilities equal to those of boys.

The women of the whole world have become dissatisfied with the unfair and undemocratic conditions which exist at present. Their patience may give out entirely if they are forced by such bodies as the United States Senate to wait longer for the fulfilment of their just demands.

A Vindication

IN the *New York Evening Post,* Mr. Simeon Strunsky pays a glowing tribute to the character of woman. This is part of his post-impression:

"For instance, in the matter of keeping a secret. It is well to remember that it wasn't Mrs. Lichnowsky who sat down and poured her heart out on paper to the extent of several tens of thousands of words and made fourteen copies of the same and entrusted them to as many fellow-members of the Lower Silesian Sewing Circle under the strictest pledge of confidence. It was not one of these Silesian ladies who passed on the secret under oath to the Frau Kapitan Jones-Robinson, of the German General Staff, who entrusted it, with a hatpin between her lips, to the editor of the Womans Page of the Berlin *Tageblatt,* who gave it under oath to the wife of the leader of the Independent Socialists, who whispered it at the Wednesday matinee, to the Fashion Editor on the Copenhagen *Politiken,* who blurted it out to the world.

It was not Mrs. Czernin who talked not wisely but too well to Mrs. Clemenceau.

It was an Empress of Austria who wrote a sensible letter to Cousin Sixtus and an Emperor of Austria who inserted with his own hand the few words that gave Wilhelm such a violent headache."—M. G. F.

Drawn for The Suffragist by Nina E. Allender

A Modern Eliza — The End of the Race for Justice

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THE SUFFRAGIST'S circulation department is instituting a new subscription drive in the states that we may put THE SUFFRAGIST in the hands of every state representative in the United States whether his legislature is in session or not.

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I am asking State Chairmen to go over the list of the men who make up their legislature, and canvass these names carefully, sending THE SUFFRAGIST FIRST to the conservatives of that body or to those most in need of informing material as to the national suffrage situation. It is important to write personal letters to the legislators you are in touch with informing them as to the importance of reading THE SUFFRAGIST.

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The Inspiring Oregon Conference

THE clergy and the military were both represented at the stirring annual conference of the Woman's Party Branch of Oregon which met at the Multomah Hotel, Portland, April 20, for the purpose of electing officers and taking up organization plans for the final drive on the Senate. Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, as first Vice-chairman, presided in the absence of Dr. Florence Manion, state chairman, who is now in California engaged in medical work preparatory to going to France for medical service. Dr. Manion's zealous work had been carried on with enthusiasm by the state board, and there was a unanimity of feeling at the annual conference that was felt by the outside speakers as well as by organization members.

Bishop Walter T. Sumner, Bishop of the Northwest, spoke forcefully and uncompromisingly about the vital necessity of passing the suffrage amendment and passing it now. "It would be nothing short of a calamity," said Bishop Sumner, "if the Senate should adjourn without passing the suffrage amendment. It would be an inexcusable waste of womanhood at a time when we most need efficiency. It *must* be done. We must continue to work for it. We must secure favorable action. There is no 'if' about it. Women must not tolerate this inefficient and inexcusable delay. I have no sympathy for those who make the war program an excuse for delay. The President in this great crisis felt that it was necessary to advocate this measure. Surely we can do no less than stand behind him."

LIEUTENANT Hector Mac Quarrie, a member of the Royal British Artillery, who has been speaking for the third Liberty Loan, advocated suffrage as a war measure, with enthusiasm and detailed his somewhat brief suffrage past, describing his meeting Mrs. Pankhurst as a student at Cambridge when he had gone to her meetings to "rag the suffragists." The beginning of his friendship with Mrs. Pankhurst, whom he boyishly described as "so sporting," still lasts. He described his early home in New Zealand where his six sisters voted when he was a child, but explained that it was in England that he had come to realize that "the fight for suffrage is a fight for a principle. I beg you think of nothing else." He described with feeling the splendid service of English women at home and abroad, of their loyalty and bravery in the face of menial and difficult tasks.

Mrs. Hawkins, the chairman, represented the present moment as the opportunity of women, the psychological time for that final pressure that is to send the amendment through the Senate within the next few weeks.

Miss Margaret Whittemore, of Detroit, outlined the history of the pending suffrage amendment and of the Woman's Party's strategic fight that has brought the measure through prison to verge of victory. The meeting from this point on began to take on almost the aspect of a "revival," as person after person arose to offer suggestions or volunteer help. Miss Edith Holmes of the staff of *The Oregonian,* spoke on suffrage publicity methods; Mr. Esterly, a member of the National Democratic Committee for Oregon, pledged his utmost support.

AT the executive meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: Miss Emma Wold, of the faculty of Lincoln High School, was chosen state chairman; vice-chairmen are Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Otis B. Wight, Miss Ruth Catlin, Dr. Florence Manion; secretary, Miss Gertrude Talbot, and treasurer, Miss Caroline Shearer.

To Vice-President Marshall, Senator Jones, chairman of the Senate suffrage committee; Senator Martin, of Virginia, Democratic Senate floor leader, and Senator Gallinger, Republican Senate floor-leader, messages were sent urging them to "end the intolerable delay in this matter of obvious justice to women."

Similar letters and telegrams went to Senators Chamberlain and McNary, of Oregon; Culberson, of Texas; Trammel and Fletcher, of Florida; McLean, of Connecticut; Hale, of Maine; Page, of Vermont; Kellogg, of Minnesota, Borah, of Idaho, and others.

Senator McNary, who had just filed notice of his intention to succeed himself in the United States Senate, it was noted had failed to state his position on suffrage. This point was immediately called to his attention in a telegram, which drew forth the following response within a few hours:

"I am actively assisting supporters of equal suffrage to obtain an early vote for the amendment which I shall support. My platform announces my attitude on this subject, with which I am in full sympathy—Charles N. McNary."

New Court Ruling on Moot Picket Case

FOLLOWING the complete vindication of the suffrage pickets in the District Court of Appeals which held that they had been unjustly arrested and unjustly imprisoned, the evidence against them not proving that they had "obstructed traffic" on the widest street in the world, another angle of the suffrage cases, threshed out two weeks ago in Richmond, has come to the fore this week.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has just reversed the decision of Federal Judge Waddill, of Virginia, who declared the transfer of the pickets from the District jail to Occoquan Workhouse with the addition of labor and the imposition of uniform, was illegal. The decision of Judge Waddill had remanded the suffrage pickets, with the exception of three women, back to the District Jail, from which they were released a few days after without explanation and before the expiration of their sentences, by the police court judge.

The three women concerned in this decision, Mrs. John Winters Brannan, Mrs. Henry Butterworth and Miss Cora Weeks, all of New York, though pronounced innocent by the Appellate would be forced, if the Virginia decision holds, to go back to Occoquan and serve terms in prison varying from one to two months, approximately, were it not for the fact that the arrests had already been declared illegal by the District Court of Appeals.

The reason for the exception of the three women arose from the fact that so precarious was their health at the time of the trial before Judge Waddill—as a result of the shock and mistreatment due to their confinement under Superintendent Whittaker—that doctors would not permit their return to prison, and they were released on their own recognizance on the payment of bail. Their appearance was set for the June session of the Virginia Court.

"THE new decision," says Attorney Matthew E. O'Brien, is contrary to every precedent. It permits executive officers of the government to alter the sentence of a Court, a thing unheard of in the annals of English law. The case man be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States to have this point passed on. Two Courts of equal jurisdiction have disagreed on one point in the White House picket cases."

The interesting fact concerning the present case lies in the fact that the revival of Judge Waddill's decision affects the cases of hundreds sentenced as misdemeanants in the national Capital who have had their sentences added to by labor through being transferred to Occoquan Workhouse.

Damage suits aggregating $400,000 have been filed against the Commissioners of the District because of the Appellate Court Decision of the District of Columbia which proved the suffrage pickets falsely arrested and imprisoned. The Virginia decision which merely ruled as to the remanding of prisoners from one institution to another, in no way affects the decision of the District Appellate Court—which vindicated the pickets—or the suits for damages which they have instituted.

THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE—SEC. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

THE AMENDMENT IN THE SIXTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

Introduced

In the Senate, on April 4, 1917, by Senators Thompson, Owen, Jones and Shafroth.

In the House, on April 2, 1917, by Representatives Raker, Rankin, Mondell, Keating, Taylor and Hayden. Reintroduced in the House December 18, 1917, by Representatives Rankin, Raker, Hayden, Taylor, Keating and Mondell.

Referred

In the Senate, to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

In the House, to the Judiciary Committee.

In the House all resolutions reintroduced on December 18 were referred to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

Reported in the Senate

Favorably, September 15, 1917.

Reported in the House

By Judiciary Committee without recommendation December 15, 1917.

By Suffrage Committee with recommendation January 8, 1918.

Present Status

In the Senate

On the calendar awaiting a vote.

In the House

Passed January 10, 1918.

HISTORY OF THE AMENDMENT

Drafted

In its present form, by Susan B. Anthony in 1875.

First Introduced

January 10, 1878, by Hon. A. A. Sargent, in the Senate.

Reported from Committee

In the Senate

1878, Adverse majority.
1879, Favorable minority.
1882, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1884, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1886, Favorable majority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1892, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1896, Adverse majority.
1913, Favorable majority.
1914, Favorable majority.
1917, Favorable majority.

In the House

1883, Favorable majority.
1884, Adverse majority, favorable minority.
1886, Favorable minority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1894, Adverse majority.
1914, Without recommendation.
1916, Without recommendation.
1917, Without recommendation.

Voted Upon

In the Senate

January 25, 1887. Yeas 16, nays 34. Absent 26 (of whom 4 were announced as for and 2 against).

March 19, 1914. Yeas 35, nays 34, failing by 11 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

In the House

January 12, 1915. Yeas 174, nays 204, failing by 78 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

January 10, 1918. Yeas 274, nays 136, passing by the necessary two-thirds vote.

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Another Court Decision

THE decision rendered this week by the Federal Court of Appeals that the suffrage pickets could have been lawfully transferred to the Occoquan workhouse from the District jail to which they had been committed by the court, if they had been lawfully arrested and imprisoned, turns public attention once again to the blackest part of the Administration's record on suffrage.

It will be recalled that pending the decision in the appeal by the pickets from the conviction of the police court, the minor point was raised as to whether, granting they could be confined at all, it was legal to confine them at the Occoquan workhouse instead of at the District jail to which they had been committed. Judge Waddill, of the Federal Court, ruled that the transfer from the jail to the workhouse was unlawful and ordered their return to the place to which originally committed. Now months later, when all suffragists are out of jail and the Court of Appeals has established that all arrests and imprisonments were unlawful, comes an effort by government officials to prove that they would have been within their legal rights when transferring the suffragists from one place of confinement to another but for the fact that there was not any justification for their imprisonment at all.

Contention by government officials about the relative justification of different places of imprisonment is of no interest now that the principle has been established that the imprisonment itself was without warrant. Any legal justification which may be found now for the transfer of the suffragists from one jail to another has no bearing whatever upon the offence of unlawfully arresting and imprisoning women who were peacefully petitioning for that principle of democracy for which we are conducting a foreign war. The Government has only one way open in which to make amends for this record—by passing the suffrage amendment through the Senate. Its record will not be changed by taking up such minor points as are involved in the question whether this jail or that jail was the proper place of imprisonment. The point is that no jail was the proper place. If the Government does not wish its unjustifiable conduct held up against it at the coming election it must improve its record by action in the Senate before this session adjourns.

Indianapolis Demands Federal Suffrage

Mrs. Booth Tarkington

A SERIES of brilliant meetings which have strengthened the State organization and unified the demand for the suffrage amendment at this time, were held last week in Indianapolis by Mrs. Abby Scott Baker. Mrs. Baker was entertained by many official and unofficial groups and kindled new understanding of the present suffrage crisis.

While in Indianapolis Mrs. Baker was the guest of Mrs. Ernest I. Lewis, a member of the state committee of the Woman's Party. To meet the State and District boards Mrs. Baker was given a tea by Mrs. William Bobbs, at which she afterward spoke to not only the state group of the Woman's Party but many interested men and women who had not heard the dramatic story of the five years' growth of the National Woman's Party. Owing to the illness of Mrs. M. J. Anderson, state chairman, Mrs. Burnett, first vice-chairman, introduced Mrs. Baker at this affair.

Mr. Will Hays, the National Chairman of the Republican Party, on the following day entertained Mrs. Baker informally at a luncheon at the University Club, giving her an opportunity to outline the suffrage situation to a small influential group of men and women.

It was at a large reception, followed by a suffrage meeting, given by Mrs. Booth Tarkington, that Mrs. Baker was able to reach the representative men and women of the state and to make them realize how closely the present suffrage crisis is tied up with the international situation. Preceding Mrs. Tarkington's reception Mrs. John Carey gave a dinner in honor of Mrs. Baker, the guests afterward attending the reception. Those present were Mr. Elmer Stout, Judge and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Mr. Will Fortune, Mrs. Russell Fortune, Mr. and Mrs. John Carey, Miss Martha Carey and Mrs. Baker.

AT the reception Mrs. Tarkington introducing Mrs. Baker, made her first suffrage speech with an enthusiasm that was infectious. One hundred and fifty well known Indianapolis men and women listened with keen attention to Mrs. Baker's story of the federal suffrage struggle, how it had been initiated and at what cost it had been made an issue, holding its own as a righteous demand, part of the present world-struggle for liberty. It dawned on the keenest minds of a representative American City—with judges, lawyers, state and city officials, writers, artists and society women listening—that women like the brilliant speaker tensely describing a suffrage prison chapter, were being wasted; that there must be something lacking in a Republic at war for liberty in a gigantic idealistic world-crusade that still denied women at home a voice in their own government.

There was perfect silence for a moment after Mrs. Baker told her story. Then following the applause a storm of questions. Mrs. Baker answered questions as to banners and pickets and prisons and courts and wilful senators until nearly midnight. Indianapolis wholeheartedly joined in the final drive on the Senate as a result, and telegraphed resolutions of protest to Washington. Demand not only for the passage of the amendment but investigation of the illegal arrests of the suffrage pickets, was made.

Mrs. Tarkington entertained Mrs. Baker at a charmingly appointed luncheon the following day during which suffrage plans for the State monopolized attention. Those present at this affair were Mrs. Tarkington, Mrs. Edward L. McKee, Mrs. Glen Talbert, Mrs. William Bobbs, Miss Martha Carey, Mrs. Hautè Booth Tarkington Jameson. Mrs. Jameson, Jr., Miss Helen Rockwood, Mrs. Russell Fortune, Mrs. John Carey, Mrs. Meredith Nicholson and Mrs. Baker.

As the result of the new interest of Indianapolis women a City Committee, affiliated with the State Branch and cooperating with Mrs. M. J. Anderson as state chairman and Mrs. M. B. Spellman as chairman of the Seventh Congressional District, is being formed, with Miss Eleanor Carey as chairman, and the following women among the members: Mrs. Booth Tarkington, Mrs. Ernest I. Lewis, Miss Carrie Teasdale, Mrs. Meredith Nicholson, Mrs. Russell Fortune and Mrs. A. B. Anderson.

MRS. Baker's meeting before the Contemporary Club was held at the Propylaeum, with the Reverend Frank S. C. Wicks presiding. The audience was made up of both men and women and included many conservatives who had never before heard the case for federal suffrage. Mrs. Baker proved that she did not mind "heckling," and completely won over her audience.

The Saturday suffrage meeting before the Open Forum of the Commercial Club was preceded by Mrs. Baker's participation in the city's big Liberty Loan parade. With Mayor Lewis and the Fire Chief of Indianapolis Mrs. Baker rode proudly in the Chief's racing car at the head of the parade, and was escorted afterward to the Commercial Club. Mr. Bert Essex, the President of the Club, presided. Mr. Ray S. Trent, the manager of the organization, introduced Mrs. Baker with intelligent appreciation of women's demands at this time. Miss Julia Landers, of the Democratic Woman's State Committee, and Dr. Keeler, led the heckling following the address, but Mrs. Baker's analysis stood the test.

During Mrs. Baker's stay in Indianapolis she had two conferences with Governor Goodrich, a politician high in the councils of his party, who has expressed himself as eager to do his utmost to bring the long suffrage struggle to a close.

Mrs. Ernest I. Lewis, who entertained Mrs. Baker, gave a dinner in her honor during her stay at which Governor and Mrs. Goodrich, Mayor and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Fred Simms were the guests. Mrs. Lewis assured Mrs. Baker at the close of her fruitful stay that new understanding and enthusiasm was felt in Indiana, and that organization plans would go forward with renewed impetus.

Mrs. Baker is this week speaking in South Carolina, with meetings in Charleston, Greenville and Orangeburg, arranged by Mrs. W. P. Vaughan as state chairman.

Mrs. Russell Fortune

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Just Government League

WITH large delegations present from the four legislative districts of Baltimore City and Carroll, Howard, Baltimore, Harford and Kent Counties, the eighth annual meeting of the Just Government League of Maryland convened at state headquarters last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Donald R. Hooker, State President, presided, welcoming the delegates to the convention, going over the work of the league for the past year, and pointing to the passage of the federal suffrage amendment as the goal toward which all suffragists must strive during the next year. Mrs. Hooker stressed the importance of preparing Maryland to ratify the federal amendment in 1918, and urged that no stone be left unturned that would be of benefit in the ratification campaign.

During the morning session, the Treasurer's report was presented by Miss Eleanor White, and a comprehensive report of the legislative activities from April, 1917, to the present time was given by the legislative chairman, Mrs. Charles J. Ogle. In detailing the working of the congressional committee of the league, Mrs. Townsend Scott as chairman, brought out the fact that the picketing at the White House gates had been the means of bringing to the attention of the world the splendid fight that the National Woman's Party is making to uphold the principles on which our country was founded.

Mrs. Robert Walker, as chairman of the committee on resolutions, brought in three resolutions which were unanimously carried by the convention. Two called on the President and on the Senate to pass the federal suffrage amendment. The other called upon the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to raise the age of consent of federal law from ten to twenty-one years.

INTERESTING reports of the year's activities of the Kent, Hartford, Carroll and Howard County leagues were submitted by Mrs. Charles Perkins, Mrs. T. W. Forbes, and Mrs. Almira Sweeten.

In her address the President of the League, Mrs. Donald Hooker, said:

"The Congressional activities of the league have gone forward under the able guidance of Mrs. Scott, who has led large delegations to Mr. Tumulty, the President's secretary; to the members of the Cabinet, all of whom endorsed the federal amendment, and to the Maryland Representatives in Congress. Mrs. Scott is at present working up a delegation to call upon Senator Smith in Washington in the near future in a final effort to secure his vote for the federal amendment, Senator France having already stated his intention to vote for it.

"The immediate work of the league will be largely in behalf of the early passage by the Senate of the federal amendment and its ratification by the Maryland Legislature in 1920. This will entail an enormous amount of work for the next two years, but if every member of the league will do her share, the burden will not rest too heavily upon any one pair of shoulders."

Mrs. Hooker proudly set forth Maryland's share in picketing for liberty: "Late in June picketing began to hold the attention of the country when the suffrage banner bearers were arrested at the White House gates. Among the first to be sent to Occoquan was Mrs. Robert Walker of Baltimore, who, with fifteen other suffragists, was sentenced to serve sixty days in the workhouse, but who was released after a few days by order of President Wilson. From then on the history of the arrest and imprisonment of the pickets needs no repeating, Miss Lucy Branham, Miss Julia Emory, Miss Gladys Greiner, Miss Nina Samaradin and Miss Anna Gwinter, all young women of Maryland, having served long terms for asking for political freedom."

The delegates were driven to the Baltimore Country Club for luncheon, where Mrs. S. K. Herr, of Westminster, was called upon to act as toastmistress. Mrs. Herr's keen wit kept the delegates bubbling with laughter, while the responses to her toasts indicated plainly that the work for suffrage in Maryland had not dulled the sense of humor of those who carried it on. Among those whom Mrs. Herr called upon were Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia and Baltimore; Mrs. Townsend Scott, Mrs. Charles J. Ogle, Mrs. Theodore W. Forbes, Mrs. Almira Sweeten, Mrs. George Radcliffe, Mrs. Frederick J. Usilton, Mrs. Calvin N. Gabriel and Miss Mary B. Shellman.

MRS. Lewis, who is a sister of Dr. Howard A. Kelly, and who was among those who were the most brutally treated while serving her sixty day term at Occoquan, gave a graphic account of her arrest and imprisonment, and told how the sympathy and efforts in their behalf of the suffragists throughout the country had heartened the suffrage prisoners at a time when their outlook seemed so dark.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Rev. Olympia Brown, who introduced Mrs. William Kent as the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Kent gave a clear and concise picture of the efforts of the National Woman's Party, and told how in six years time she had seen the question of federal woman suffrage grow from a mere academic question to a live politcal issue, due mainly to the enthusiasm and keen judgment of the leaders of the Party. Mrs. Kent gave a clear interpretation of the suffrage situation in the Senate today, and urged upon her audience the need for active, energetic work now if the work of the past six years is to count for anything in the future.

Following Mrs. Kent's address, a report from the nominating committee consisting of Mrs. C. N. Gabriel, Mrs. Almira Sweeten and Miss Mary B. Shellman was submitted. The report was accepted, and the following officers for the year were declared elected:

President, Mrs. Donald R. Hooker; First Vice-President, Mrs. Charles J. Ogle; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Calvin N. Gabriel; Treasurer, Miss Eleanor White; Recording Secretary, Miss Henrietta Hagerty; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rosamond Smith; Board of Governors, including officers, presidents of county leagues, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of four legislative districts of Baltimore City, the following members were elected at large:

Mrs. Townsend Scott, Mrs. Aubrey E. King, Mrs. Howard T. Schwarz, Miss Mary Bartlett Dixon, Mrs. George Radcliffe, Mrs. C. H. Dankmyer, Mrs. Robert Walker, Rev. Olympia Brown, Mrs. M. Tilgham Johnson, Mrs. John W. Bowen, Mrs. William Spencer Murray, Mrs. M. E. Brooke, Mrs. Rignal W. Baldwin, Mrs. James Nathan, Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, Mrs. John S. Gibbs, Jr., Mrs. Wm. J. Brown.

A ride through the Green Spring Valley had been arranged for the hour between four and five o'clock, but as the afternoon was fast drawing to a close it was decided to forego the drive in favor of tea at Mrs. Hooker's residence, so the autos which had been commandeered for the drive were pressed into service and conveyed the delegates from the club to Upland, where an enjoyable hour was spent.

Among those in attendance at the convention were Mrs. Calvin N. Gabriel, Mrs. W. W. Ford, Mrs. Townsend Scott, Miss Rosamond Smith, Mrs. Charles J. Ogle, Miss Suzanne Baldwin, Mrs. Rignal W. Baldwin, Rev. Olympia Brown, Mrs. T. W. Forbes, Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. George M. Lamb, Mrs. Chester Turnbull, Mrs. George Radcliffe, Mrs. C. H. Dankmyer, Mrs. M. Burlingame, Miss Henrietta Hagerty, Miss M. B. Shellman, Mrs. S. K. Herr, Mrs. Carroll Albaugh, Mrs. Charles Vanderford, Mrs. W. Barr, Mrs. F. J. Usilton, Mrs. Herbert Perkins, Mrs. David McNenniman, Mrs. Philip Brooks, Mrs. Wm. T. Brown, Mrs. Charles Satterfield, Mrs. W. Frank Jarrell, Mrs. Wm. Harlow, Mrs. James Nathan, Mrs. Walter Katzenstein, Mrs. Aubrey E. King, Miss Gwendolyn Scott, Mrs. Almira Sweeten, Mrs. Charles K. Earp, Miss Eleanor White, Mrs. George Rollman, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Mrs. Maxwell Zurndorf, Mrs. Edward Strasser, Miss Mabel Fisher, and Mrs. S. V. Coulter.

A meeting of the newly elected officers and committee for the state was held Tuesday, April 30, at the home of Mrs. Donald Hooker at which Miss Alice Paul was present and at which plans for future work were discussed. Following the meeting Mrs. Townsend Scott gave a luncheon for Miss Paul at her residence.

On Women Voting

By Booth Tarkington

Indianapolis Demands Investigation of Suffrage Arrests

WHEREAS, the decision of the Court of Appeals of the United States has declared the action of the suffrage pickets to be lawful, orderly and in accordance with the constitutional rights of American citizens,

Therefore be it resolved, by a meeting of citizens of Indianapolis, April 25, 1918, that the Congress of the United States be called upon to investigate the arrest and imprisonment of American women, and to fix the responsibility for the treatment accorded them.

And be it further resolved, that we request that this be read into the Congressional Record by Senator Watson.

(Signed) Booth Tarkington, Thadeus Baker, William C. Bobbs, Ernest Lewis, Ferdinand Winter John Carey. Fred Simms, Henry Jameson, Charles Jewett, John Henty,

I AM "opposed to suffrage." I do not wish women to vote. They are going to vote, but I wish they weren't. I don't like the idea. Also, though I am aware that many charming women have taken part in the movement, I find my feeling toward them to be (so far as their "suffragism" is concerned) a feeling of annoyance. I wish they had never thought of voting, or that, having thought of it, they'd now please proceed to forget it. I don't *need* women to vote and I don't *want* women to vote.

These statements are entirely true: they represent whatever emotion is roused within me by the spectacle of women asking to vote. But although the statements are true, I cannot claim that they are interesting, except to myself. Who cares whether I like lemon pie or don't like it? My talking about my likes and dislikes is not only a bore, but it even fails to influence my own vote in the matter, because I dare not vote to please my preference and against whatever I have in the nature of a conscience. When a woman says she wants to vote I know of no decent way to tell her she hasn't the right. If I say, "But I don't want you to," I am merely ludicrous.

WHY haven't women always voted? The only reason I can see is that men have kept them believing that they should be content as squaws. We've always wished them not to vote and tried to make them believe that what we desired represented some kind of fundamental law. When they asked us to formulate this fundamental law, we coughed until we thought of saying that bad women would vote, if good women did, and that many women wouldn't vote anyhow, and that the results in general would be lamentable.

As a matter of fact, we couldn't prove our statements about the results, and even if we could prove them, we are not talking to the point when we talk about results. If a woman has a right to vote she has that right, no matter what the result. And if I stop her in the exercise of her right, what I do is an arbitrary use of force, a performance outside my own right. Also, it won't work. If I try to play the Prussian with her and "beat her up" she knows I'm *not* a Prussian, which gives her such an advantage that she'll whip me before we're through with the debate—and there I am, a warrior whipped by a squaw, I daren't risk it.

WHEN a woman tells me that she is a person and a citizen and desires to have a hand in the making of the laws that are to govern her, and in the election of the officers who are to execute and enforce those laws, I am at liberty to say, "But I prefer that you shouldn't," just as I am at liberty to say any other selfish and asinine thing that comes into my head. Also, I am at liberty to say, "You won't *get* your vote, if my hand can stop you"—a confession that I will have my way backed by force if I can. But I am not at liberty to say, "You ask something which is my right and not yours;"—at least, if I do take the liberty of saying this I oughtn't to be allowed my liberty any longer: I ought to be in a Home and under the most watchful care.

We all know now that they are going to vote; we know that they can't be stopped. The thing is happening, whether for good or bad. (Some of us who don't happen to like it nevertheless believe that it will be for good.) And since it is inevitable, an observer can find a little amusement, in these unhappy times, in watching the attitude of politicians. Those who oppose it are going to know some bleak days, politically, in the future, for it is not in nature that women will forget. Elections are going to hang on it, and surprising obscurities are already gathering for some of the unwary. The future of politicians was never more interesting because it was never so full of surprise. A woman with a vote is an article dismayingly different from a woman asking for a vote; and the candidate's face will be worth study when he remembers that the woman with a vote is the same woman who was asking him for a vote, only the other day. He'll be wondering how much *she* remembers!

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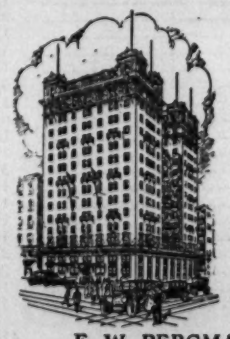

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A Party Blockade

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